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Editor

BEST WISHES to all our members for a happy, healthy New Year! And may '69 be full of nothing but great new Token finds for every collector.

You can start off the hobby year best by planning now to attend our first meeting on Sunday afternoon, January 12th, at Elaine Willahan's home. That address again is 516 W. 99th Street, Los Angeles (near Century Boulevard and the Harbor Freeway), with the usual hours of 2:00 until 4:30. For any final details, such as ordering an extra portion of her scrumptious desserts, you can phone Elaine at 755-2708. But above all, be sure to be on hand with the rest of our CATTC bunch.

By the way, better bring a dollar along to the meeting. No, it's not for the refreshments, but simply because dues are again due. Maybe you took care of this at the November meeting, but if not then now is the time. If you cannot possibly attend the coming session in person, send in your buck to Elaine real soon. Our only membership obligation is the annual $1 donation towards our bulletin and postage expense. This bargain is hard to beat, so don't forget... and we won't forget to send your new membership card either.

IN NOVEMBER our session on Sunday afternoon, the 10th, drew a turnout of 22 members and guests to the home of Robert Ritterband in Los Angeles. Another new member was welcomed into the club that day, Mr. John LaBelle, of Granada Hills. He had heard of our hobby activities through Elaine Willahan, during a Political Items meet. (Perhaps that total turnout should be listed as 23, because Dee and Jim Wassels also brought along their brand new, darling daughter for all of us to take a peek.)

In addition to plenty of token swapping, the principal event of the day was our annual election of new officers. Re-elected for another term were Robert Carter, vice president, and Elaine Willahan, secretary. The new officers chosen were Robert Kubach as president, and Andrew Crusen as treasurer. All terms of office are for one year, starting on January 1st. Both of these new men joined our club in mid-'64, and have the capability and experience to guide our affairs carefully and to lead us well.

The outgoing officers this time are Robert Ritterband, president, and Edward Cutler, treasurer. Each has served numerous terms in varying club positions, and had asked now for a chance to relax. However, Ritterband automatically continues on our five-man Executive Board for a term as the immediate past president, succeeding Edrick Miller in that title.

WITH SORROW, we learned recently of the death of our venerable member, William Black, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Though they never were able to attend meetings here, Bill and his wife joined the CATTC in its early days and always maintained their loyal membership. Probably the oldest member of the A.V.A., he had served as curator in that group for half a dozen years. A large segment of Bill's 90 years were devoted to transportation, from the days of the horse cars onward, and he had gathered an excellent collection of tokens. Sincere condolences are extended from the club to Corinne Black and the family.

ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE shows a value for Calif. 450-E or -F of 15¢. Some of our non-vecturist neighbors don't seem to understand this, though. Last month an item in the Long Beach newspaper reported that the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners were on the verge of selling 152,000 of these obsolete Municipal Ferry tokens to a scrap metal dealer for 24¢ per pound. The 760 pounds of brass were to have brought in about $180, which divides to something like eight tokens for a cent!

The item further stated that several San Pedro business and civic people planned to protest the sale. They felt that it would be far better to try selling off the tokens as souvenirs, particularly to former ferry passengers, with the proceeds to be used in an effort to restore the boat service between San Pedro and Terminal Island.

Your club president hoped to attend the Harbor Board meeting, to lend whatever weight he could to the rescue plan. A previous obligation interferred that day, so his son made the round trip instead. He reported that the scrap sale was forestalled temporarily, and that the San Pedro folks had good hopes for saving the tokens from destruction. As far as we know, the final deal has not yet been made. When it is, we hope we can advise you it favored the souvenir "good guys" rather than the smelter "bad guys".

TRANSPORTATION TOKENS were among the first things that many of us started to collect. From there we branched into all sorts of different items, as trade checks, parking tokens, wooden nickels, and so on. Right on the heels on Shell Oil's recent "President Coins" comes now a new twist, the Antique Car Coins. The latter are not give-away items, but sell for a nice respectable price. Maybe you have seen local ads for the new series. John Clymer, our good member in Dallas, reports on them from Texas also.

The new "coins", slightly larger than a quarter dollar, are to be manufactured by the Franklin Mint, in groups of 25 designs. Each subject will portray an antique American classic car, from 1901 thru 1925, with each reverse showing the nameplate for that car. In solid bronze, the set will be $10, which is 40¢ per coin. If you feel prosperous enough, you can get a proof set in sterling silver for $75, or even in solid platinum for (hold onto your hat!) five thousand smackers.

Even the bronze sets will have a limited minting, so order quickly if you are interested. Accompanying each collection will be a booklet on the antique cars, written for Franklin Mint by Floyd Clymer, the noted Los Angeles authority on this subject. John C. writes us that Floyd C. is his distant cousin, but we doubt that it will get John or his friends any wholesale prices on those platinum sets!

A FINALE: This is the fifteenth issue of "Token Topics" produced by your editor-president, and it will also be the last one. As these lines are being written (on December 30th), I am quite ready and anxious to stop wearing both official hats, and become just another good CATTC member.

Incoming president Robert Kubach may choose to continue doing these news letters, may find another member to do them, or may use some totally different plan. There are no club rules on the subject. Whatever he decides to do, it's certain to be a careful choice, and one with the best interests of the membership in mind. He has my unlimited good wishes, plus a promise of full support in whatever club plans he undertakes.

And so, a world of thanks to my fellow officers and to every member for each share in our club's successes these past few years. In spite of my occasional complaints, it has been a genuine pleasure and honor to have served the club in any capacity.

- R.M.R.

T O K E N T O P I C S

of the California Association of Transportation Token Collectors

No. 16 Robert W. Kubach, Editor March, 1969

MARCH 9th MEETING The next CATTC meeting will be on Sunday afternoon, March 9th, from 2 to 5 PM in the North Room (2nd floor) of the Ontra Cafeteria, Crenshaw & Santa Barbara, Los Angeles. For those that have not attended a meeting at the Ontra, it is in the shopping center near the Broadway Dept. Store. Dust off those duplicate tokens and come early. The token you have been looking for may be there waiting for you.

DUES ARE DUE ! Have you sent your dollar to Elaine Willahan, 516 West 99th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90044? The March 9th meeting is the dead line for paying your 1969 dues. If you have not sent your dollar, why not do it now!!

WELCOME Thru the efforts of Ed Smith, Mr. Joseph J. Finnegan, Roselle, New Jersey is our newest member. Hope you will be able to attend a CATTC meeting some time.

JANUARY MEETING The Jan. 12th meeting was held in the home of our secretary, Elaine Willahan. The newly elected officers for the year 1969 were "Installed". Seventeen members and guest were present. The attendance was down slightly from recent meetings, so, be sure and attend the March meeting and add something new to your collection. Those present at Jan. meeting: Arnold, Atwood, Crusen, Cutler, Hawthorne, Kubach, Manning, Marvin, Ritterband, Mr. & Mrs. Sherman, Arthur Smith, Ed Smith, Ken Smith, Ticknor, Wassel, and Willahan.

PLAN AHEAD Mark your calendar for the CATTC meetings for the balance of 1969.

MARCH	9th	- Ontra Cafeteria, Crenshaw & Santa Barbara, Los Angeles.
MAY	4th	- Trip to San Diego on the Sante Fe with the 1509.
JULY	13th	- Open
SEPT.	14th	- Home of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Sherman in Santa Barbara.
NOV.	9th	- Home of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ritterband in Los Angeles.

GOLDEN SPIKE MEDALLION — A commemorative medallion for the 100th anniversary of the First Transcontinental Rail Route has been issued. The medallions were produced by the Philadelphia mint. Price: 1 5/16" Bronze medallion, $2.50. 2½" Bronze medallion, $7.50. 2½" Silver medallion is only $25.00. Send orders to:

Executive Director, Field Operations
Golden Spike Centennial Celebration Commission
Room 2419, Federal Building
Ogden, Utah 84401

MAY 4th MEETING TRIP TO SAN DIEGO — Many of the members present at the Jan. meeting expressed the desire for a train trip. We can have the ex Sante Fe Observation Car 1509 for a trip to San Diego. We would leave L A at 7:30 AM, arrive in San Diego at 10:25 AM. Returning: Leave San Diego at 4 PM, and due in L A at 7:00 PM. Stops are made at Pico Rivera, Fullerton, Anaheim, and Santa Ana. Free parking available at all but L A Union Station.

Fare if $10 per person. Sorry, No half fares. We must have a minimum of 18 fares to run this trip. Maximum of car is about 30. So, send in your reservation early.

Every one will be on their own in San Diego. Bus service is available to the San Diego Zoo or to Coronado. The new bridge to Coronado is scheduled to open on July 1st. This will replace the Coronado Ferries. So, why not one last trip on the Coronado Ferry?

I must know by April 10th how many are going on the trip. So, send in your reservations now to Robert W. Kubach, 4675 Eagle Rock Blvd., Apt. 4, Los Angeles, CA 90041. Don't put it off. If we do not get the minimum 18 fares trip will not be run.

NEWS ARTICLES & SHORT STORIES WANTED — Do you have any news about a new token? Or, perhaps you know the history of a token once used in Southern California. Why not write down the information you have and send it in for the next Token Topics. April 10th is deadline for the May issue.

SACRAMENTO 715X — From the Dec. 1968 FARE BOX we learn that the Sacramento Transit Authority, P. O. Box 2110, Sacramento, CA 95810, will sell their new Cal-Expo tokens (715X) to collectors at 4 for $1 or 40 for $10.

Don't forget your 1969 Dues & reservation for the May 4th trip to San Diego.

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No. 17 Robert W. Kubach, Editor May, 1969

MAY 4th MEETING — Due to Mothers Day falling on the second Sunday, it is our custom to have our May meeting on the first Sunday. So, we will meet in the home of Elaine Willahan, 516 West 99th Street, Los Angeles, from 2 to 4 P.M.

The proposed trip to San Diego, with car 1509, on the Santa Fe has been canceled. It might be possible to run the trip in the fall or maybe on a Saturday. How many would be interested in a trip in the fall or on a Saturday? Trip would not be on a meeting date. Car 1509 would be used and we would still go to San Diego.

TRAVEL DEPARTMENT — Norm Sherman is vacationing in Hawaii. He says it is a poor place to look for tokens. Bob Smith is wandering around Europe. Says he will be in Nice, France on our next meeting date. Roland Atwood, our number one traveler, returned recently from a Caribbean cruise. Among the places visited were Haiti, Jamaica, Curacao, Martinique, St. Thomas, St. Croix, and the Bahamas. Get any new tokens, Roland?

NEW MEMBER — Our secretary reports one new member this month. Welcome to Mr. Richard Taslinger, Lake Arrowhead, Calif. Hope you will be able to join us at one of our meetings soon. Do you know a prospective member? Why not bring them to the next meeting.

MARCH MEETING — The March meeting was held in the Ontra Cafeteria. Fifteen members and three guests were present. Members attending were: Carter, Crusen, Cutler, Hawthorne, Kubach, La Belle, Ritterband, Frank Roselinsky, Larry Roselinsky, Arthur Smith, Ed Smith, Irene Smith, Ken Smith, Wassel, & Willahan. The three visitors were Dee Wassel, Mrs. La Belle and John La Belle, Jr. Frank Roselinsky invited us to his home for the July meeting.

MEDALLIONS FOR 200th BIRTHDAY OF CALIFORNIA — Bronze and silver medallions commemorating the 200th birthday of California will be sold in banks throughout the state beginning June 1st. The medallions will be in two sizes, 1½ and 2½ inches in diameter. The bronze will sell for $2 and $5 each, while the silver will go for $10 and $35 each.

CATTC MEMBERSHIP ROSTER MAY, 1969

81	ALLIS, Joseph	48 E. 29th St.	New York, NY	10017
1	ATWOOD, Roland C.	2818 Colorado Ave.	Santa Monica, CA	90404
45	BABBITZ, Harley B.	745 Cornish Dr.	San Diego, CA	92107
64	BARNES, John W.	P. O. Box 2503	Los Angeles, CA	90025
84	BARNETT, Floyd O.	5425 Portland Ave. So.	Minneapolis, MN	55417
57	BAVAIRD, Harold G.	695 Las Casas Ave.	Pacific Palisades, CA	90272
68	BEATTIE, Wm.	3210 Belvedere Dr.	Riverside, CA	92504
23	BLACK, Corinne	1409 Evans Ave.	McKeesport, PA	15132
40	CARTER, R. B.	2232 North Kays Ave.	S. San Gabriel, CA	91777
59	CLYMER, John C.	2914 Nicholson Dr.	Dallas, TX	75224
46	CRUSEN, Andrew	2717 South Hill St.	Los Angeles, CA	90007
3	CUTLER, Edward M.	11603 Ruthelen Ave.	Los Angeles, CA	90047
17	DI MICHAEL, Daniel	Box 485	Coatesville, PA	19320
67	DUKE, Donald	P. O. Box 8136	San Marino, CA	91108
90	FINNEGAN, Joseph J.	147 E. 5th Ave.	Roselle, NJ	07203
16	FREIBERG, Ralph	634 Ashbury St.	San Francisco, CA	94117
88	FRISBEE, R. K.	211 King St.	Denver, CO	80219
36	FRITZCHE, Walter C.	P. O. Box 458	Tujunga, CA	91042
19	GALLAGHER, William C.	4125 Madrona Rd.	Riverside, CA	92504
58	GLAZE, Fred E.	622 E. 4th St.	Ontario, CA	91762
65	HAWTHORNE, Les	334 Vine St.	Glendale, CA	91204
52	HOUSE, Amos F.	Box 202	La Verne, CA	91750
47	KUBACH, Robert W.	4675 Eagle Rock Blvd. #4	Los Angeles, CA	90041
89	LA BELLE, John	10514 Aldea Ave.	Granada Hills, CA	91344
76	MACINNES, Rev. D. I.	407 Melody Lane	Placentia, CA	92670
61	MANNING, James J., Jr.	3740 Greenbrier Rd.	Long Beach, CA	90808
41	MARVIN, Robert	923 W. Broadway	Anaheim, CA	92805
80	MC CLUNG, Ed	P. O. Box 2443	Riverside, CA	92506
2	MILLER, Edrick	3257 Idaho Lane	Costa Mesa, CA	92626
4	NICOLOSI, John G.	3002 Galindo St.	Oakland, CA	94601
83	RIGGS, Clancy W.	5535 NE Glisan St.	Portland, OR	97213
5	RITTERBAND, Robert	6576 Colgate Ave.	Los Angeles, CA	90048
9	ROHRER, Bernard J.	68 W. 51st St.	Long Beach, CA	90805
35	ROSELINSKY, Frank	6934 Bevis Ave.	Van Nuys, CA	91405
85	ROSELINSKY, Larry	6934 Bevis Ave.	Van Nuys, CA	91405
51	SAFFORD, Dwight A.	4043 42nd St.	San Diego, CA	92105
54	SHERMAN, Norman E.	4295 Marina Dr.	Santa Barbara, CA	93105
22	SHUPE, W. D.	1071 Cassingham Rd.	Columbus, OH	43209
72	SMITH, Arthur E.	830 San Pedro St.	Ventura, CA	93003
71	SMITH, Edward W.	830 San Pedro St.	Ventura, CA	93003
82	SMITH, Irene	830 San Pedro St.	Ventura, CA	93003
6	SMITH, F. Gordon	6 Bahia Lane Mission View W.	Oceanside, CA	92054
73	SMITH, Claire	6 Bahia Lane Mission View W.	Oceanside, CA	92054
70	SMITH, Jack R.	R. R. 1 - Box 91B	New Palestine, IN	46163
18	SMITH, Kenneth E.	328 Ave. F	Redondo Beach, CA	90277
15	SMITH, Robert H.	2066 S. Birch St.	Santa Ana, CA	92707
34	SNYDER, Franklin P.	2418 S. Baldwin Ave.	Arcadia, CA	91006
7	SUPER, Michael	4 S. Woodington Rd., Apt. H10	Baltimore, MD	21229
37	TARANTINO, Edward	P. O. Box 458	Tujunga, CA	91042
69	TARGONSKY, Paul	23 Harrison St.	Meriden, CT	06450
92	TASLINGER, Richard	P. O. Box 494	Lake Arrowhead, CA	92352
12	TICKNOR, George	1939½ Beloit Ave.	Los Angeles, CA	90025
74	VELDMAN, Robert H.	470 North St.	Oakland, CA	94609
87	WASSEL, Jim	10711 Carmenita Rd.	Whittier, CA	90605
42	WILLAHAN, Elaine J.	516 W. 99th St.	Los Angeles, CA	90044

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No. 18 Robert W. Kubach, Editor July, 1969

JULY 13th MEETING The next CATTC meeting will be on Sunday, July 13th from 2 to 4 PM in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Roselinsky, 6934 Bevis Ave., Van Nuys. Most, if not all of us,use the freeways so directions for the Roselinsky's from the closest freeway are:

San Diego Freeway to Victory Blvd. exit, East on Victory to Kester, Turn left on Kester to Hartland, Right on Hartland to Bevis, Left on Bevis to end of street. If you are now lost and still in the valley, call 787 1436 for the rescue squad. If you are really lost and have ended up in downtown LA, call 873 4521. Lets have a good turn out. So, gather up all those duplicate tokens and head for Van Nuys and a good swaping session.

VACATIONS Our secretary, Elaine Willahan, spent a week water skiing at Lake Havasu. Mr. & Mrs. Bob Ritterband were vationing in Mexico City and vicinity. Your editor attended the Golden Spike Centennial celebration at Promentory Summit, Utah. The trip was via a twenty three car pullman train. Roland, where are you?

MAY MEETING Fourteen members attended the May meeting in the home of Elaine Willahan. I sure wish to thank her for comming to the rescue when the Santa FE canceled the trip to San Diego. SO, on behalf of the club, thank you Elaine, for providing the lovly meeting place. There was the usual trading, buying, & selling of tokens. The new San Diego bus token was seen for the first time. It has been distributed thru the A. V. A. new issue service. Atwood, Crusen, Cutler, Hawthorne, Kubach, Marvin, Manning, Ritterband, Sherman, Ed Smith, Irene Smith, Ken Smith, Ticknor, and Willahan were present.

SAVE YOUR GLASS POLE INSULATORS ! Elaine has started a collection of glass pole insulators. At last count she had acquired about twenty of them. So, the next time you clean out the garage and find any glass insulators, be sure to save them for Elaine.

A. V. A. ELECTIONS Congratulations to Ralph Hinde, one of our out of state members, who has been automatically named as the next A. V. A. president, according to a "Fare Box" report. He is certain to do a good job for all of us! ROBERT RITTERBAND is one of three nominees for the vice-presidential spot. Ralph has indicated a preference for Bob as his running mate, and of cource the rest of us also hope to see him elected.

Ritterband has been a staunch member of A. V. A. for eighteen years, and has built a fine reputation as a hard worker in the organization. His four years as president of our own C.A.T.T.C. were surely significant in bringing the club to its present solid strength. He also served a term as A. V. A. Curator, with excellent results.

Three years ago, Bob did an outstanding job as general chairman of the national convention at Disneyland. It was the largest gathering, and among the very best, in Vecturist history. Most members will recall that he was a close runner-up in the race for A. V. A. president at that same time.

Here is a member who will do much to advance the progress of A.V.A. As club president, I urge you to (1) cast your vice-president ballot for BOB RITTERBAND, and (2) ask all your Vecturist friends to do the same.

Thanks !

R. W. K.

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP ROSTER. Add the following two names to your May, 1969 CATTC Membership Roster and you will be up todate.

49 FEISEL, Duane H.	P. O. Box 11661	Palo Alto, CA	94306
91 HINDE, Ralph	225-30 106th Ave.	Jamaica, NY	11429

CAR WASH TOKENS Are you having a hard time finding new parking or transportation tokens for your collection? Well, somthing new has been added to keep you busy and broke. Now it is car wash tokens! There are several do-it-yourself car washes in the San Francisco Bay area and Los Angeles area using them. I have not heard of any from places outside of Calif. yet, but no doubt there are some. So, if you are looking for somthing new to collect, you better get started now.

Happy hunting !

RWK

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No. 19 Robert W. Kubach, Editor Sep., 1969

SEP. 14th MEETING The next CATTC meeting will be on Sunday afternoon, Sep. 14th, from 2 to 4 PM in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Sherman, 4295 Marina Drive, Santa Barbara. Most of those attending will be from the south, so, here is how to reach Norm's home from the south: Continue on 101 through traffic signals of the business district and leave freeway at LAS POSITAS exit. LEFT on Las Positas to Cliff Drive. Then RIGHT on Cliff Drive which eventually becomes Marina Drive. Driveway is opposite side of street from Norm's red mail box. POSITIVELY NO CHILDREN at this meeting. Sorry, but meeting is limited to adults and members only. So dust off the tokens and head for Santa Barbara. If you need transportation or want to share your car, call Elaine Willahan at PL5 2708 or Bob Kubach at 255 3123 evenings only.

NEW MEMBERS The CATTC extends a hearty welcome to two new members this month. Hope they will be able to attend one of our meetings in the not too distant future.

93 CHRISTIANSEN, Chriss Box 651 Cupertino, CA 95014
94 GRAY, Eric A. 172 W. Chestnut, San Gabriel, CA 91226

VACATIONS Our members continue to wander all over the world. I wonder how many new tokens have been added to the various collections as a result of these trips. Les Hawthorne is on a one year trip to Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Roland Atwood & George Ticknor are on a trip across Canada. Your editor just returned from a air - rail trip to Churchill, Manitoba. I added some new tokens to the collection while on this trip.

JULY MEETING We wish to thank Mr. & Mrs. Frank Roselinsky for their hospitality and for making their lovely home available for this meeting. The following members were on hand: Atwoo, Carter, Crusen, Kubach, Manning, Frank Roselinsky, Larry Roselinsky, Ritterband, Sherman, Ken Smith, Ticknor, Wassel, & Willahan. We were pleased to have the following guest with us: Mrs. Ken Smith, Kirk Smith, Mrs. Jim Wassel & daughter, & Mrs. Frank Roselinsky and family. After most of us added a new token or two to our collection and a short business meeting, we all enjoyed the refreshments served by our hostess.

A REMINDER - POSITIVELY NO CHILDREN.

CONVENTION NEWS:
Local members are awaiting the August "Fare Box" with much interest, for an account of the recent A.V.A. convention in Philadelphia. As much as we know, no one from this area was able to attend the event.

One fact we did hear was that our past president, Robert Ritterband, was elected the new vice-president of the national association by a comfortable margin. Efforts of this club to promote his candidacy got a healthy support also from the North East Vecturist Assn., based in New York City. It appears that in the three-way contest, Ritterband drew 56% of the total votes. Mrs. Mary Allen of Oklahoma was good for 35%, and Charles Axthelm, a U.S. Navy officer, had the other 09%.

Bob had previously served on the A.V.A. Board with a term as Curator. Now that he is again an elected officer, our club can claim four of the seven-man executive body as paid CATTC members. Besides Bob, we also list the newly-named president, Ralph Hinde of New York; the immediate past president, Duane Feisel of Palo Alto; and the veteran treasurer, Toby Fisbee of Denver. Maybe one of these days they will all get together for a board meeting here in Southern Calif.; maybe!

TOKENS and CATALOGUES:
Good tokens are still where you find them. Last month Elaine Willahan was doing some antique-store browsing in the South Bay area and picked up a handful of ordinary looking tokens at a few cents each. It wasn't until getting home that she found one of them to be Oregon 700-B (Portland). Though not a top rarity, it lists in Atwood's for $2.00, which is a pretty nice deal for her. Another antique shop was where Elaine first discovered San Diego 745-T, and that one is still the only copy known. Okay, fellow collectors, are you all trying hard enough?

Speaking of the Atwood's Catalogue, we hear that the newest revision is coming along nicely. Fare Box editor John Coffee is doing all the typing work, and he expects to have the new, illustrated edition into collectors' hands soon after the first of next year. It will be the third printed version of this famed work. After several mimeographed issues, our book was first printed in 1958 and then again in 1963.

COIN SHOWS:
Quite a few vecturists also collect coins and/or stamps. And that provides one more good reason for driving to our next CATTC meeting in Santa Barbara. Enroute you can stop off at the Ninth Annual Ventura County Coin-A-Rama, which runs all day Sunday, Sept. 14th. It will be held at the County Fairgrounds, right near the freeway. Though you might not find any 1804 silver dollars, you can at least acquire some of their wooden nickels honoring this event.

If you're a <u>real</u> traveler, an additional 75 miles to the north end of Santa Barbara County will bring you to another coin show, set for that Saturday and Sunday. Four clubs in the area are combining to stage their fourth yearly display at the Veterans' Memorial Hall in Santa Maria. Just don't forget to stop at Sherman's on the way back!

PLAN AHEAD:
Please make a note that our final club meeting for this year will be on Sunday afternoon, November 9th, at the home of Robert Ritterband, Los Angeles. An important event that day will be our annual election of officers, so please start planning now to be on hand.

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No. 20 | Robert W. Kubach, Editor | Nov. 1969

NOVEMBER 9th MEETING — The next regular meeting of the CATTC will be held on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 9th, from 2:00 to 4:30, in the home of Bob and Molly Ritterband, 6576 Colgate Avenue, Los Angeles. Dust off those tokens and let's make the last meeting in 1969 a big one. This is election month. Give some thought to the matter before the next meeting. I am sure that Elaine will be more than happy to accept your 1970 dues if you want to pay early and avoid the last minute rush.

JUST GOSSIP — Our Number One member, Roland Atwood, is off on another trip. This time he is going to Vancouver, where he will board the SS Iberia for a trip to Barbados via the Panama Canal. He'll return to L.A. via Florida.

Swap Meet and Flea Market. Did you ever go to a swap meet, hoping to find some tokens or trade checks? Elaine Willahan and Andy Crusen have added to their collections recently by attending one. There is a good Swap Meet and Flea Market at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena on the second Sunday of each month, from 9A.M. to 4 P.M. Admission is 50¢.

Don't throw anything away until you are sure that Elaine does not collect it. Now she is looking for flat bottle openers and dog tags. She also collects: glass insulators, trading stamps, political campaign buttons, trade checks, and just plain old tokens. Elaine, what did I leave out?

SEPTEMBER MEETING — We wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sherman for making their lovely home available for our Sept. meeting. Some of our members left early in the morning for Santa Barbara, and stopped off in Ventura for a short visit to the coin show there. This was our first time in Santa Barbara. Thank you, Norm, for inviting us. There seemed to be a lot of activity at the meeting, so I hope everyone came away with at least one new token for his collection.

The following members and wives were present: Roland Atwood, John Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carter, Andy Crusen, Bill Gallagher, Bob Kubach, Bob Marvin, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ritterband, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gordon Smith, George Ticknor, and Elaine Willahan.

REMEMBER that you save money when you order your new 1970 Atwood's Catalogue before November 1st.

SC-RTD INAUGURATES EXACT OR READY FARE

Southern California Rapid Transit District inaugurated "Exact Fare" on October 12th. Fare may be paid by cash, tickets, TOKENS, or monthly passes. The tokens being used are the old MTA issue (Los Angeles 450-K). The RTD has a large quantity of these tokens on hand and at present has no plans to replace them with any new issue.

SOME OF OUR SMITHS:

An unusual fact in our club membership is that about 15% of us are named Smith. Unhappily, future meetings are apt to have three less Smiths on hand than in the past. A postcard has been received from Ed Smith, saying that he, Irene and Arthur had moved from Southern California back north to Santa Rosa. He reported being happy to see lots of trees again, but never mentioned a word about the severe shake that town enjoyed(?) just about the time our Smiths got back there. Sure hope it didn't jumble up any token displays for them. Jot down P.O. Box 2631, Santa Rosa 95405, for the next time you want to write one of these nice folks.

HOW ABOUT YOU?

Among the many things for which hobbyists will remember this year is the growing interest in Medal collecting. These days it seems that "everyone is doing it"! Recent coin publications are loaded with new issues and other write-ups.

Possibly many local collectors began with the little aluminum pieces, so widely distributed in several prize series by Shell Oil. Then came the various attractive medals relating to the San Diego Bicentennial, quickly followed by further celebrations and medals in San Jose, Monterey and Santa Cruz.

Surely the biggest boost came from the astounding achievement of men first setting foot upon the Moon. A recent tabulation showed no less than 30 different Astronaut designs already offered to collectors, with more certainly on the way. Most of these are sold in either silver or bronze, with some also made in gold or even platinum. COINage Magazine gave six pages to this single subject last month. The Moon medals are not all originating in the U.S.A., by the way. In addition to Canadian offerings, mints and manufacturers all over the world are getting into our act too.

Differing from tokens, medals are collected not so much for possible rarity, as for their artistic and historic values. One of these days, if maybe your present collecting specialties begin to look all alike, give medals a try. Their additional interest might suddenly make it all worth while again! (RMR)

SAMBO-ITIS:

Maybe medals do not appeal to you, but Wooden Nickels do. If so, beware that dreadful new disease called Sambo-itis. It seriously affects hobbyists who try to complete a collection of all wooden nickels issued by the 100 or more Sambo's Restaurants in the Western States, Texas and Florida. Each nickel is good for a cup of coffee, but of course no true collector would dream of using any of his for such a purpose. Roland Atwood reports being within a dozen or so of rounding up one from every spot, if only they don't open up new restaurants faster than he can find his. Harold Schmal, Phoenix collector/dealer, has about 130, including his own issue and numerous Sambo varieties. He plans soon to issue a booklet on this unusual specialty. Always there is something new! (RMR)

IN JANUARY we will start off another club year by meeting at the home of Elaine Willahan, on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 11th. More on this later, but if ever you have sampled Elaine's hospitality, you'll sure want to mark the date NOW!